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Applicant: Yoshinobu Furuse Docket: NCB-123-A

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of May 19, 2005, applicant submits the following response:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been placed under a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the above-identified Office Action.

SUMMARY OF THE EXAMINER'S POSITION

Specifically, the Examiner has identified the following inventions:

- I. Claims 3-12, drawn to a door, classified in Class 296, Subclass 146.5.
- II. Claims 1-3, 13-20, drawn to a door, classified in Class 296, Subclass 146.6.

The Examiner also indicated that Invention I is directed towards Figures 1-10 and Invention II is directed towards Figures 11-20.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the identified species for examination.

DISCUSSION

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone call made to the Attorney regarding the restriction requirement. Upon the close of that conversation, no oral election was made and a written restriction from the US Patent and Trademark Office was requested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement in the above-identified Office Action, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal thereof. Applicant respectfully suggests that the claims are all

drawn to related aspects of a single inventive concept, and should not be subject to restriction.

Even if the Examiner remains convinced that the claims are not all drawn to a single inventive concept, applicant respectfully suggests that all of the pending claims are drawn to closely associated inventions.

Applicant respectfully points out that MPEP section 803 states that

"if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

Applicant respectfully suggests that the examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully respects reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

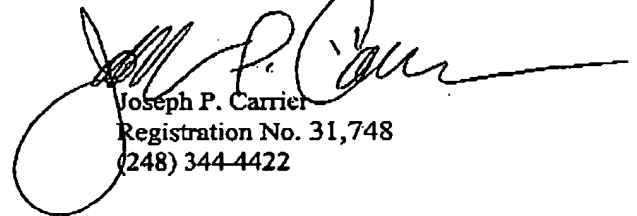
However, notwithstanding the above, and in order to comply with Patent Office requirements, applicant elects, with traverse, the group identified by the Examiner as Invention II.

It is applicant's understanding that Claims 1-3, 13-20 are drawn to the elected species.

If the Examiner has any further questions or comments with regard to Applicant's response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant encourages him to call William Blackman at the number listed below.

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